

We are a community-based drawing group that gives people of all abilities an opportunity to draw from an unclothed model.

SAVE THE DATE May 20 & 21, 2011

A Sense of Drawing: Figure Drawing Workshops at Syracuse University's Shaffer hall on the Main Campus. Stay tuned! Some of our presenters will include:

Bill Benson
Yvonne Buchanan
Sharon BuMann
Bob Dacey
John Fitzsimmons
David Hicock
Iver Johnson
Donalee Peden-Wesley
Juan Perdiguero

Thank you Cultural Resources Council for our grant, which helps make this conference possible!



This year we will be offering some longer sessions so you can really delve into the subject and new material that is being presented. We are very excited about our line-up of presenters which was put together with help from Carmel Nicoletti, Iver, board members, and past participants in ASOD.

Some of the topics will include Sculpting the Figure, a Contemporary Mixed Media approach, Light and Shadow, Gesture in Figure Drawing, Assessment and Motivation, Expressive Surroundings, Some Fundamentals, and Seeing Simple Structure. Check back with us for a detailed list of class descriptions as we put together all the information for this spectacular selection of workshops!



MARDI GRAS

Wednesday, March 9

During our figure drawing session (7:00–10:00 pm as usual) for the 1st OFD special event of the year.

All participants will be provided with costumes appropriate for the occasion (masks & necklaces) but feel free to bring your own. Hope to see you there! Don't forget to bring your drawing supplies.



Applebee's Fundraiser

Pick up the coupon at OFD Eat at Applebee's Restaurant on **Monday April 4th** and 10% of what you spend will benefit OFD Inc! You must bring OFD's Applebee

coupon with you. This fundraiser will be at their 3189 Erie Blvd. location.

Figure Drawing at the Everson

Open Figure is returning to the Everson Museum of Art for a free figure drawing session **Thursday, April 21** 6 to 8 pm.

The will be live music and birthday cake courtesy of the birthday girl - Susan Nathan!



Next **Board Meeting** Tuesday **March 22** at Carmel Nicoletti's house (7-9pm) **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

The Standards

A Roundtable for Models & Artists

Thursday March 15, 2011, 7 pm – 9 pm at Jowonio School , 3049 E. Genesee St.

Jowonio School is across from Nottingham High School. Look for the green Jowonio banner on the building. Park in the rear. Enter through the doors in the center rear. Go downstairs to the Enrich room.

New models, experienced models, artists, and all with interest are invited to the semi-annual roundtable. Roundtable Hosts: Suzette Roberts and Karen Greenfield. Suzette is long time supporter of OFD Inc and is currently a model, mother, and board representative. Karen is also a long time supporter of OFD Inc and is currently a model, mother, and board representative as well as the model coordinator. The Topic: Standards: Discuss the proposed new changes to the current modeling policies. Some items that may be covered (more information at OpenFigureDrawing.com):

Diversity of poses, payments and cancellations, growth, training sessions, unacceptable performance, socializing, balance the varied needs of our participants with the needs of our models, educational aspect of modeling.

Your input is requested!

Free PIZZA & snacks too! RSVP to request your favorite pizza toppings. For more information contact Iver Johnson 475-3400 or send him an email. This is a free event (donations will be accepted at the door).

Art Teachers Wanted The Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center is seeking energetic and experienced art educators to lead classes for children ages 6-12. Teachers will work with the Schweinfurth's Program Director to develop unique art experiences that focus on fine art principles and techniques. Teachers are encouraged to incorporate gallery visits and discussions about current exhibitions into class curriculum.

Westcott Art Trail:

The application for the 2011 Westcott Art Trail is now available. Go to the website :

www.westcottcc.org

Click on the moving banner. The Art Trail will be held June 4 and 5th 10-5 on Sat. and Sun. throughout the Westcott neighborhood. This event is a fund raiser for the Westcott Community Center. If you send in an application, you are in. Around the first two weeks of May you will be notified of your location or who will be at your location.

There is a planning meeting on Wed. Feb. 16th at 7pm at 222 Buckingham Ave. Syracuse 13210. All are welcome to attend or to send ideas to laurritchie@gmail.com. We always need help. We are always looking for ways to make Art Trail better.

CNY Art Guild Spring Art Show: Sat, April 2 and Sun. April 3 2011, Aspen House, 1pm to 4:30pm Aspen House, Willett Parkway.

Social Networking!

If you are a Facebook user, please "Like" us! Our new name is: Open Figure Drawing, Inc. Don't forget that little comma (there are two of us out there on Facebook).

And....

There is new social network site up and running for just us!

www.cnyartists.com

It's for CNY artists, crafters, and creators. A place for people to buy and sell art, crafts, and creations, find art events, meet and discuss topics with others, learn about art, etc.

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CNY Artists, Crafters, and Creators

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ORIENTATION, CONTESTS & EVENTS

Important

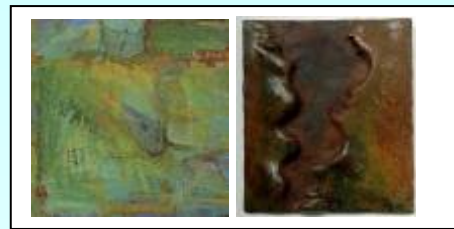
Gallery News

Art Rage: 100 YEARS OF WOMEN ROCKIN' THE WORLD: Celebrating International Women's Day 1911 – 2011 March 5 to April 23

Bird Library, 6th Floor: Orange Pulp: The Pulp Magazine & Contemporary Culture, Until June 17, also on view at Shaffer's SU Art Gallery.

Community Folk Art Gallery: Amos Kennedy Prints: until April 2, & Jazz & wine tasting event on March 25

Edgewood Gallery: Tonal Gestures: Diana Godfrey-mixed media pastels and acrylic paintings, Carmel Nicoletti- bronze reliefs and glass works. Exhibit Dates: Until April 8



Gandee Gallery (Fabius): Recent Work by Forrest Lesch Middleton, Opening Reception Saturday, March 5th, 6-8 PM. March 4 – May 1



Limestone Gallery (Fayetteville): Reception for the Artists: Friday, March 11; 6-8pm: "No Boundaries: Color & Landscape" SCOTT BENNETT & MICHAEL MATTHEWS. March 11-April 22, 2011

Petit Library: Through the Eyes of Women, Reception March 5.

Michelle Watts and Lucie Wellner have work in this show, along with many more talented area women artists!



Daydream by Lucie Wellner

SU Art Galleries: Infinite Mirror: Images of American Identity. American artists of African, Arab, European, Asian, Latino and Native American descent explore their heritage. Tu-Su: 11-4:30 pm, Th: 11-8 pm. Until March 20.

Westcott Community Art Gallery: Celebrating CNY Women in Art: 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day. March 7th - Friday April 8th, 2:30-4:30.

life drawing

“Drawing has always had an enormous influence on my work,” says Karen Frey. “Aesthetically, I believe the nature of a line to be beautiful in its own right. Line and the ability to draw establish the basic interpretive quality unique to each artist.” She completed all of the drawings shown here in her life-drawing group. While she didn’t intend for any of them to turn into finished works, she allows that sometimes a drawing can assume a “finished” aspect all on its own. “I consider my drawings to be the result of a practice,” she says. “I like these particular drawings, because, to me, they are well-drawn and aesthetically pleasing, while revealing the unique energy or emotional qualities that define my models.”



Slope (graphite on paper, 22x15)



Arms (graphite on paper, 22x15)



Emly (graphite on paper, 22x15)



Leisure (graphite on paper, 22x15)

Syracuse Stories

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FESTIVAL

Coming this July, 2011, Syracuse Stories: an All Arts Festival

Everyone is invited to tell their story through the arts. Programming in venues downtown and in the city. A time to share the stories of the people, the cultures, and the institutions that make up our community. If you or your organization have a story to tell and a creative way to tell it, contact us at:

artscov@gmail.com



Organized by Art Across Borders, a grassroots coalition based in Onondaga County, dedicated to creating new spaces for dialogue and sharing across the boundaries of local cultural communities. Syracuse Stories partners include SAY YES to Education Syracuse, ProLiteracy, and the Le Moyne College Center for Urban and Regional Applied Research (CURAR). The Syracuse Stories Festival is inspired by the International Literary Festival of Parati, in Brazil.

Exhibition Prospectus for Interested Artists

The Cazenovia College Art Gallery in Reisman Hall will be underway soon with our next set of reviews for our FALL 2011 + exhibition roster.

The Art on Campus committee meets in the spring semester to review slide submissions for the following exhibition cycle. Six to seven exhibitions are generally mounted per academic year. Artists that have not shown at Cazenovia College Art Gallery within the last six years, and are interested in submitting their supportive materials for 2011-2012, please send the following to the gallery director Jen Pepper. Check for more details here:

www.cnyculture.com

Ask About our Publications

Ask the Wednesday night host about these, or ask a board member - one of us is often drawing right there with you!

OFD Brochure: If you are interested in sharing information about Open Figure Drawing inc. with others, ask for some of our brochures.

Models Wanted: If you know people who may be interested in modeling, we will give you fliers to post or to give to potential models.

Catalogs: \$10 for full color Group Show catalogs. The proceeds help pay for the printing and help OFD keep going. Currently we have these for sale: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, & two from 2010!



Volunteer Brochure: OFD can use volunteers for special events, or for helping out at the beginning and end of the Wednesday night sessions. Ask for a brochure to learn how you can help, and thank you! OFD is run entirely by volunteers.



OpenFigureDrawing.com

Call for Art

We would love to have your artwork on the OFD website. Visit the website and click on the "Artwork" tab to see how it's displayed.

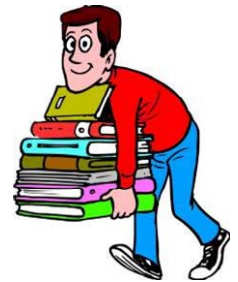
SPECIAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRICE: TWO for \$14

Bring a friend to OFD!

You and your friend can get in for \$14! That's \$2 off the regular price. Cash or check, and please don't forget to sign in. This special price is extended for a limited time into 2011!

Book Sale

OFD has art books for sale! Each book has a price marked on the 1st page (15 cents to \$15) just inside the cover. The book sale is every Wednesday, during the break, & continues until they're all sold. You will notice these books have a book plate! These are special books. Check out the T-shirts & catalogs too!



WEATHER CLOSINGS

Please note if snow closes Syracuse City Schools, we close too! Check radio and TV for info.

DRAW THE HUMAN FIGURE EVERY WEDNESDAY

7-10 PM, \$8 admission (or 5 sessions for \$32)

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
ALL ARE WELCOME



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- Please sign in and pay upon entry.
- Treat the models with courtesy & respect. No recording devices, such as cell phones or cameras, are allowed.
- Help keep our environment clean: No smelly materials.
- Be mindful of your neighbors. Don't block the view. Set up easels toward the back, tables and ponies toward the front. You may also sit on the floor.
- Quiet talk is permitted. Feel free to ask questions and to give and receive feedback.
- If you have questions or problems, see the host. During sessions the host makes final decisions.

Wednesday night hosts and co-hosts: Jim Emmons, Scott Herrmann, Iver Johnson, Susan Nathan, Dan Shanahan and Chuck Westfall.

Current board members: Matt Cincotta, Karen Greenfield, Scott Herrmann (President), Bob Horning, Susan Nathan, Carmel Nicoletti, Suzette Roberts, Charlie Sam, Dan Shanahan (Treasurer), Lucie Wellner (Secretary), and Chuck Westfall.

*OFD Inc. is a 501-(c)-3 organization run by volunteers. Let us know about news we should include in our newsletter! e-mail web@OpenFigureDrawing.com or call us. **Check the website for updates!***